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Knightly News

C A L E N D A R

October

Oct 16	KofC Open House and Family Social 6:30 PM Church MPR
Oct 17	1st Degree Exemplification 9:00 AM St. Stephen's School
Oct 17	Assembly 1850 "Sock Hop" 7:00 PM Best Western Rt 60
Oct 18	Buc's Football Game vs Carolina 8:00 AM—School
Oct 24	Angels Among Us Dinner

November

Nov 4	Monthly Business Meeting 8:00 PM Church MPR
Nov 6-7	Special Olympics Fall Games—Disney Orlando
Nov 7	Men's Club Golf Tournament 12:15 PM
Nov 7-8	Veteran's Day Mass Programs
Nov 8	Buc's Football Game vs Green Bay 8:00 AM—School
Nov 10	1st Degree Exemplification 7:30 PM—Nativity
Nov 13	4th Degree Monthly Meeting 6:30 PM
Nov 14	Respect Life Rosary 5:45 AM
Nov 14	Casino "K"night
Nov 18	Faith & Morals Program 6:30 PM Church MPR
Nov 21	2nd Degree Exemplification 9:00 AM School
Nov 22	Buc's Football Game vs New Orleans 8:00 AM—School
Nov 26	Thanksgiving
Nov 27-29	4th Degree Exemplification—Orlando

December

Dec 2	Monthly Business Meeting 8:00 PM Church MPR
Dec 8	Immaculate Conception
Dec 11	4th Degree Monthly Meeting 6:30 PM
Dec 12	Respect Life Rosary 5:45 AM
Dec 12	VA Hospital Christmas Party
Dec 13	Buc's Football Game vs NY Jets 8:00 AM—School
Dec 19	1st Degree Exemplification 9:00 AM St. Stephen's School
Dec 19	KofC Christmas Party / Family Social
Dec 25	Christmas

January

Jan 3	Buc's Football Game vs Atlanta 8:00 AM—School
Jan 6	Monthly Business Meeting 8:00 PM Church MPR



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Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights & Families.

CONGRATULATIONS
ST STEPHEN COUNCIL 14084 – For earning the Proud Honor of being recognized as a **DOUBLE STAR COUNCIL** for the **2008-2009 Fraternal Year**.



This award recognizes the **ACHIEVEMENTS** of the Officers, Service Program Directors, Members and Families of our Council, including our *Columbian Squires* and the work of our ladies who this Fraternal Year will be installed as our *Columbiettes Auxiliary*. This is no small achievement either, inasmuch that **YOU** have earned this honor for the past three years, which coincidentally constitute our entire existence as a Council. During this past year, however, our Council was recognized for having distinguished ourselves in our "Surge with Service" Program Activities, Retention, Insurance Promotion and far exceeding our Supreme goal in Membership Growth. Our collective challenge is to continue to maintain the current momentum of service to our Parish and Community, and building our Order by gaining the membership of our Catholic Brothers to that service; thereby, helping build and maintain a strong foundation of men devoted to service as true **"Defenders of our Faith!"**

A special thanks to all who coordinated, contributed and attended our **ANNUAL BLUE MASS** in Septem-



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ber. We continue to realize our vision of thanking those in service to our Community and joining together to offer the strength of our prayers for their physical, psychological and personal safety. Please continue to keep them, and their families, in your prayers as they perform their varied duties under the most trying conditions imaginable to bring peace and safety to the communities they serve. I see this event continuing to grow in size and scope in the coming years – keep up the great work! Additionally, I want to thank the *Brother Knights, Columbian Squires and aspiring Columbiettes* who joined me over the **PARISH MINISTRY FAIR** weekend to turn in a very successful slate of potential Applicants and Candidates for our respective organizations. It was amazing to be a part of witnessing so many men of our Parish, approximately 27, who literally came to us asking how they could be a part of what we do. This again is a tribute to the example you make in your every day dealings within our Parish that makes Catholic men want to be a part of us. The next step, as always, is taking the time to 'ask' them to join us. ***This was merely phase one – the next complementary events occur this coming weekend!***

"GROWING THE ORDER"

Our priority events this month are mutually supporting. First and foremost, this **Friday, October 16th**, we meet at the School beginning at 6:30 pm for our **CLERGY APPRECIATION PICNIC** which is also our **Fall Membership OPEN HOUSE (Family Social)**. Our Family Committee will be asking for you to bring in side dishes and desserts; therefore, please don't hesitate to respond as soon as asked so we can make this a stress-less endeavor for them. However, the most important thing is that I want to encourage **YOU & YOUR FAMILY PLEASE ATTEND.**



We intend to spend time with our clergy, and honor them for their tireless efforts within our growing parish. It's so specially important, as well, that in this **"Year of the Priest"** we honor them while remembering and sharing the legacy of how a young Parish Priest, inspired by the Holy Spirit and his concern for the plight of Catholics in his time, founded the Knights of Columbus – leaving us an incredible legacy which we are honored to be living today. How appropriate as well to invite members of our Parish to share in what we do and who we are, and learn by your examples of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, about the many benefits of being members of the largest Catholic men's Fraternal Service Organization in the world today. The agenda is simple, we meet at 6:30 pm, enjoy some good food, meet and thank our attending clergy, hear a small presentation about the Knights of Columbus – and close by recognizing and honoring our clergy members and collectively raising our hands over them – and life them up to the Lord

in the strength of our pray for their for their strength of faith, good health and continued service to us all.

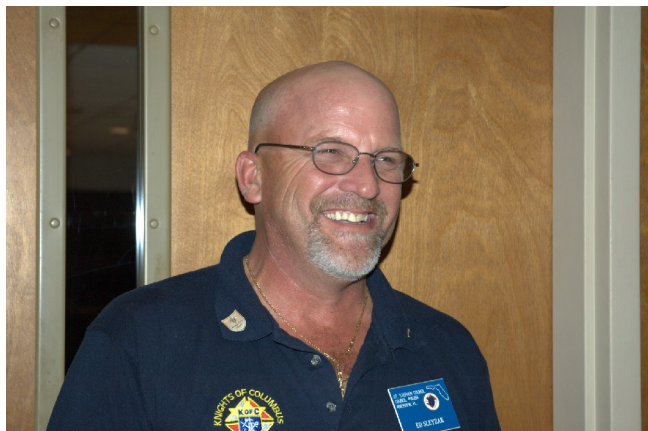
This leads us into a very special **FIRST DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION** on **Saturday, October 17th**, also at the School. Our Honoree will be one of our Parish Priests. This degree promises to bring a large class of Candidates (post-Membership Blitz) into our Order and our Council; therefore, I ask that every member consider coming to support the new members being Exemplified in the lesson of "Charity" the First Principle of our Order. Being that we will also be conducting and Admissions Committee session to accommodate the large amount of Applicants who could not make the regularly scheduled Admissions on our Business Meeting Night, we will be convening the Committee at 7:40 am, meaning that sponsors and 'Applicants' will need to arrive at the school at 7 am to begin completing forms and documents before appearing before the

committee. We will need help with Applicants before and during the Admissions process, as well as with setting up for arrival of approved Candidates at 8 am and subsequently, getting everything ready for a stellar Degree. Please try to make this your place of duty – even if for one-hour on Saturday morning. I guarantee you will be very glad you did.

There are certainly a few more projects and events throughout the month which will be highlighted by our Service Program Directors; however, I wanted to 'spotlight' these for maximum participation by all Brother Knights and their families (as applicable). We have quite a few exciting events ahead of us taking us up through the end of the year; however, we need even a little contribution of time or talent from every Brother Knight so that...**TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

VIVAT JESUS!
Julio

Family of the Month



Ed Sleyzak Family

For his family's efforts in supporting the Parish Ministry Fair

Knight of the Month



Roger Spinelli

For his extraordinary effort in supporting the parish and seemingly every council event



Chaplain's Report

“Every Child Brings Us God’s Smile”



My
Brother
Knights

Each October the Church invites us to focus our attention on the priceless gift of life and our obligation to speak out and defend the rights of those who due to age, sex, race, religion, nationality, wealth, or physical or mental abilities are being threatened. As Knights of Columbus we have a duty to light the candle of faith, hope, and love in the midst of the darkness of the increasingly pervasive culture of death.

While Respect Life issues cannot be reduced to a single cause, the holocaust of abortion is particularly repugnant since it often favors convenience over the most fundamental of human rights - the right to live. Each year over 1 million children are murdered in our nation's abortion mills. And they are not the only victims. After talking with hundreds of post-abortive mothers and fathers, I can tell you that the emotional and physical scars of abortion never fully heal. That being said, the tide is turning. The number of abortions has declined and recent polls show that the majority of Americans are now opposed to

abortion on demand and taxpayer funded abortions. While this is cause for joy, this is not the time to be complacent. We must now contact our representatives in Congress so that the proposed Health Care Reform excludes the possibility of tax payer funded abortions and preserves the informed consciences of health care workers.

While the Church is in favor of adult stem cell research, we are united in our opposition to embryonic stem cell research. While adult stem cells have proven to be extremely helpful in combating many illnesses, embryonic stem cell research has not resulted in a single medical cure. Usually they develop into tumors. Even if it was beneficial, all research which involves the exploitation, manipulation, torture, or killing of human beings must be rejected.

We are concerned about all those whose lives are vulnerable, especially the elderly and those with physical and mental disabilities. It is a scandal that most children with Down Syndrome and other genetic abnormalities are aborted because they are not deemed worthy of life. It is an affront to human dignity to say that the elderly and infirm do not have a quality of life worthy of sustenance and may be euthanized.

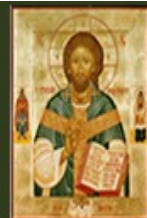
Another area of concern is the death penalty. While the Catechism of the Catholic Church does not reject a society's obligation to protect its citizens, "cases in which the execution of an offender is an absolute necessity are very rare, if not practically nonexistent" (CCC, n. 2267). There have been many cases where innocent people are condemned to death. There is also ample evidence of the inequality in our nation's judicial system. Our beautiful State of Florida is one of the few governments in the world which still support capital punishment. It is a very small club of some of the most despotic of nations. Surely we can find other means of protecting our society enabling those in prison to repay their debt to society.

In his letter to the nation for this year's Respect Life Sunday, Cardinal Rigali encourages us to turn to our children for hope and consolation. They teach us that life is a gift, that every life matters. My brothers, every voice matters. Let us be silent no more.

Fr. Bill Swengros
Chaplain

YEAR FOR PRIESTS

June 19, 2009 - June 19, 2010





Field Agent 's Report

November 1st will mark my 5th Anniversary as a Field Agent. I want to thank all of the Brother Knights who have warmly welcomed me into their homes and shared their hospitality with me. I have made about 2,500 visits and handled 143 Death Claims. Four questions stand out in my mind from my experiences:

WILLS - While everyone acknowledges the importance of them, only about one in four Knights have wills, living wills, health care surrogacies and powers of attorney in place. Why do so many leave these important documents unprepared? What about you?

PLAN - What's your plan for when you pass away. Eighty percent of the time the Knight will pass before his

spouse. Yet few can articulate a plan for preservation and growth of assets. Few can name who would act as a trustee if necessary. Few have analyzed in any detail how their family would be protected from an economic point of view. What about you?

INSURANCE - Fr. McGivney founded the Order on the principle of Unity, that all Knights would be insured members. Only about 55% of our local members protect their families through the Order. I'm curious about why so members are so loyal to their commercial insurers, especially in view of the events of the past year, and not to the Knights of Columbus. What about you?

PRIESTS - I find it interesting that 75% of the priests who live in my area are insured members of the Order. Why is their participation rate

so much higher?

Why do I believe so much in the Order? Here is an example. At age 29, 30 years before I became a Field Agent, I took out a \$10,000 Whole Life Policy with the Order. What is it worth today?

Original Death Benefit	\$10,000
Annual Premium	\$242
(The last year's dividend was \$605, 2.5 times the premium)	
Premiums Paid to date	\$8,470
Cash Value	\$27,263
(3.2 times amount paid)	
Death Benefit	\$33,600
(3.36 times original Death Benefit)	

That's why 85% of my family members are insured with the Order.

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Deputy Grand Knight 's Report

Brothers and Gentlemen,

SPRITUAL DAY OF REFLECTION

Please mark your calendars for what may be the spiritual highlight of our fraternal year - Saturday, January 30th, 2010. We will have our Day of Reflection then at the House of Prayer in Clearwater, tentatively 9am to 5pm. Father Bill has graciously offered to help us discern our program for the day and we pray that all who are able to attend will attend. The fee will be minor...\$9 for lunch at the facility. The cost

of the room is being covered by the Council.

If you have any ideas for a theme or what you would like to see included, please let me know. If you would like to volunteer for the Planning Committee, all are welcome.

COMMITTEE/PROGRAM ASSIGNMENTS

If you have not yet volunteered for one of our Programs (Council, Youth, Church, Community, Family, or Pro-Life), please contact me and let me know which you would like to join - I will put you in touch with the

appropriate Program Director. At some point, I will need to assign everyone to a Program. This does not mean that you will be obligated to assist in all of the Program's efforts, just that the Director will have a list of men to contact first for any initiatives they have. If you are new to the Council, or have been away for awhile, I can assure you that Committee involvement is a fantastic way to immerse yourself in Council activities and begin former the bond of brotherhood with your fellow Knights.

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Deputy Grand Knight
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Membership Report

This past month was very busy for our Council. We welcomed one new Brother as a First Degree Member. On Tuesday September 15th, Mario Nicolette took the



first step towards full Knighthood. Please congratulate and welcome him to our Council. We held a Second Degree on September 26th. Brothers Anthony Corte and Chris Siderio advanced on the second step of their

journey. We also had Brothers attend two recent Third Degree Exemplifications. Please congratulate the following on reaching full Knighthood. Rick Armstrong, David Dozier, Norman Meeks, Roger Spinelli and Bruce Czaja were Knighted.



We were also very fortunate to have over 20 recruits show interest at the Ministry Fair over the weekend of September 26th and 27th. On Wednesday October 7th we had nine men attend our Admissions Committee. They will be attending the next First Degree on October 17th. We will need a lot of support from all of you for this event. We will be having a Admissions prior to the Degree. It will

begin at 7:00AM. If you are sponsoring a new member, please remind them of the start time for Admissions. The start time for the Degree will be 9:00 AM. Approved Candidates with Sponsors are expected to arrive no later than 8 am with observing members arriving no later than 8:50 am. Dress Code is Casual. Questions about Admissions should be directed to our Admissions Coordination Team Leader, Sir Knight John Kulesa at Email: john.kulesa@earthlink.net, Phone: 813.380.4653.

Being a Knight means being involved and learning about our Order, our Principles, and most importantly, learning to better practice our Faith. I encourage each and every one of you, whether working towards a degree or sponsoring a potential Candidate, to make the effort to grow as a Knight by taking an active part in achieving the requirements to advancement in the Order.

Finally, please continue your efforts to build the Council and the Order by recruiting quality Catholic Gentlemen with the energy and spirit to make a difference in our Community.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO WORK ON YOUR ADVANCEMENT REQUIREMENTS!

As always I look forward to any ideas on how to improve our membership recruitment. Anyone who is interested in joining the Membership Committee is welcome.

Fraternally,

John Kulesa
Membership Director

Keep in our Prayers



- Brother (Sir Knight) John & Melissa (Missy) Sepessy. John's brother Mike passed away from cancer and left behind a wife of 25 years and an 11 year old daughter. Please also pray for John's father, mother, and father in law who were involved in an automobile accident on Labor Day
- Brother **Chuck Lusky** who has been ill
- Brother Blase Nicosea and his wife Jackie who are asking Brother Knights to please pray for Jackie's sister, who just found out that she has lung cancer
- Brother **Ed Sleyzak's sister, Marianne** who is showing improvement in her struggles with lung cancer
- **Our Brothers** who are experiencing the hardship of job loss and the associated stresses.

Mary, Queen of the Knights, Pray for Us.



Youth Committee

The 2009 Knights of Columbus Council 14084 Soccer Challenge was held on 16 Sep 2009 and the District level competition was held on 4 Oct. The following young folks were winners and are moving to the Regional level which will be held on 7 Nov in Tarpon Springs:

10 Year Old Boy: Matt Middleton
11 Year Old Boy: Matthew Truax
13 Year Old Boy: Luis Gonzalez
14 Year Old Boy: Alec Pickett

11 Year Old Girl: Alyssa Batronie
13 Year Old Girl: Kelli Weber

Thanks to all the Brothers who helped out at both events!

Men's Club Golf Outing

The Men's Club Golf Tournament is scheduled for Nov 7th at 12:15 p.m. This tournament is the sole fundraiser for the Men's Club Scholarship Program. We are currently supporting 5 of our parish youth with an annual college scholarship. It would be great to have a couple teams from the knights to add to the festivities of the tournament. Please come out and support the cause. You' will have a good time as well!

Thank you

Paul Pignataro
Men's Club President

40 Days for Life

This international initiative is being represented in Clearwater on Sunday, Oct 25th. It would be a great help to the effort if a contingent of Knights could attend and pray with the parish Respect Life team to end abortion and allow the Holy Spirit to speak to those considering one. It is non-confrontational and does not involve any sidewalk counseling...simply your prayers. If you are interested, please let me know and I will get you the details.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR NEEDED

Since Pro-Life has recently been added as a Program on its own to the other Knights' Committees, I have taken on its initial leadership. The Council and the Pro-Life movement would best be served by a permanent, dedicated man to lead this Program. I would not abandon you (unless of course you would like to be) in your efforts to lead this initiative if you decided to take on the challenge. Please pray about it, and if you feel called, let me know and we can discuss the details.

Family Committee

Brothers,

The Blue Mass & the Reception last month was wonderful. Thank you to all the who attended the Blue Mass in showing their support to all the men and women in uniform. Coming up in just a short time is our Clergy Appreciation - Open House Social, which will be held on Friday October 16, 2009 at St. Stephen's Catholic School from 6:30 to 10:00pm. This Social will be a BBQ style. We are looking forward to seeing all of you again at this months social if you are planning to attend we ask that if you can please respond with what kind of Dessert or side dish you will be bringing and a possible count of how many people will be attending.

Thank you to all the men that came out to show their support at the Ministry Fair. Please RSVP to Anthony Giaccone at GiacconeTravel@aol.com or 813-927-5127.

Casino Knight - Sponsors and Prizes needed

This event is fast approaching. This year, our goal is to double our donation to LifeCare of Brandon...\$2000. The work they do in defense of life is top-notch and vitally important.

We need your help securing Sponsorships (\$100 per) and prizes for the random auction after the event. If you can help with either, please let me or

Gene Batronie know. You can contact Gene at genebatronie@tampabay.rr.com or 813-380-9310. Prizes can be event tickets, merchandise (new), certificates for services, etc.

Vivat Jesus!

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Community Activities

Gentleman and Brothers,



Respect Life Rosary:

(Woman's Abortion Clinic) is scheduled for November 14, 2009. If you have any Questions get with Chuck Lusky e-mail charles.kusky@verizon.net

Every life is sacred, from the moment of conception till natural death. As Knights of Columbus, we are called to defend the dignity of each human being at every stage and work together in building a culture of life and a civilization of love.

In the continual battle for the rights of unborn children and the elderly, Knights of Columbus members, their families and all pro-life supporters need to change hearts as they strive to change laws.

Thanks to Rick Armstrong who led 10 Knights and family members during our quarterly **Adopt A Road** clean up of Bell Shoals Road on September 19 in support of Keep Hillsborough County Beautiful. Helping out in the effort were Nick, Christian, and Charles Mowery, Julio Alvarez, Tom Michel, Richard Houk, Kung Ramasen, Jim Pryor, and Cam Czaja.

Next road clean up is scheduled for January 9 since December can be busy

A **"Blue Mass"** was celebrated for the Spiritual intentions of police, firefighters, paramedics, rescue

and other first responders on September 9th. And what a success this very special event was. There



were over 300 plus attendees for this event. I would like to thank every Knight that attended espe



cially the Directors, their committees, the Color Guard, Father Bill and a special thanks Terry Montaldo.

VA Hospital Visit

On September 23rd, nine Sir knights from assembly 1850 made our bimonthly visit to the VA hospital in Tampa. As always the vets were glad for the company and good cheer that our knights always bring to these men and women. At a table discussion our fundraiser was brought up. We have sold only about one quarter of the tickets necessary to have a success. Please, in your hearts, support this worthy effort to help our heroes. The sock hop "will be on the 17th of October. The proceeds from our fund raiser will go directly to pay

for the Christmas party for our vets on December 12th at the VA hospital at 11am. This event last year had over 100 knights and their families in attendance. So come join the fun and see what a difference you can make in the lives of these few.

For the council 14084
Bill Queenan, VA Rep.

FUNDRAISER FOR VAVS

Raffle

FIRST PLACE: Two Tickets To Lighting Game
SECOND PLACE: Night at the Best Western, Dinner for, 2 Tickets to Comedy Club
THIRD PLACE: Keg of Yuengling - Houseman
FOURTH PLACE: Basket of Cheer
\$5.00 PER TICKET

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ASSEMBLY 1850
FUNDRAISER FOR VAVS OCTOBER 17

TICKETS \$25.00
AT THE BEST WESTERN ROUTE 60 FROM 7/ 11
THEME 50'/60' MUST DRESS 50'/60's STYLE
ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET ALL NIGHT LONG
FIVE FREE SILENT ACTION TICKETS
CONTEST: BEST DRESSED MALE/ FEMALE, HULA HOOP, TWIST, SALIENT ACTION, DOOR PRIZED 50/50

God Bless
Herbert Swoope
Community Director



The Knights of Columbus - Florida State Council and the Diocese of St. Petersburg invite all Catholic men and their families to attend:

“An Evening of Faith, Family and Fraternity”



Christ the King Catholic Church Parish Center - October 16, 2009



Our Holy Father Benedict XVI decreed this “The Year of The Priest”. We invite you to come and embrace prayer in conjunction with this special event. The Knights of Columbus will be providing information on the many programs which are available to Catholics in the diocese through the Florida State Council of the Knights of Columbus.

All Knights of Columbus in the Tampa Bay area are encouraged to invite and escort any interested Catholic men and their families to this gathering of “Faith, Family and Fraternity.” The program will provide participants with an opportunity to embrace prayer in conjunction with the Holy Fathers’ decree of the “Year of the Priest” as well as to inform all Catholic men, their wives, and children of the many programs available to them through the order. A blockbuster of a presentation will be offered by representatives from the Supreme Council as well as from the Florida State Council. Come and help us fill the church and share this fellowship...

Christ the King Catholic Church Parish Center -

Event date: Friday October 16, 2009
Time: 6:00PM—8:30PM
Location: Christ the King Catholic Church
Parish Center, 821 S. Dale Mabry
Highway, Tampa, FL 33609

Event Chairman
David K. Tebo
Past State Deputy, State Membership
Director

Presentations will include: Live, video clips, printed materials and a question and answer session.

Complementary refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the event.

A Supreme Representative will provide Spanish interpretation for those that would benefit from the prayers and messages being presented.